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ALEXANDRIA:

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The Whig Courier, a sound and conservative journal, in commenting on the address of Gov. Hunt, delivered recently before the Whig General Committee of New York, remarks that there are few intelligent and high minded men, with whatever organization they may have hitherto acted, who do not believe that great reforms are needed in our national affairs; "that our public policy is unsettled; that the general confidence in all existing political parties is shaken; that more principle, more honor, more wisdom, more virtue, ought to be infused into the various departments of the government; men who do not despair of the republic, yet see and feel various prevailing evils, which by the combination of their efforts might be ameliorated,—men, in a word, who pass under the name of "conservatives," who probably compose a majority of the people, but are powerless in their organizations,—yet might be made most effective for good, could they only confer together and be brought to act in concert.

We believe this great and powerful body of our citizens is that which Gov. Hunt meant to address. We believe the "OLD LINE WHIGS" to constitute its nucleus—men who could not descend into the arena of radical republicanism; whose principles and sense of self-respect forbade any such sacrifice; who have either acted more or less in concert with the Democracy, as against radicalism, or have stood aloof awaiting better times. We think this to be the party intended by Gov. Hunt, and we would ask, what might not the country gain from its success, what valid objections could even well-wishers to Democracy, looking upon them as dispirited Democrats, looking upon them as well-wishers to a higher state of public sentiment and action, bring against the prevalence of such a party as this?

We have been shown a letter from Robert E. Scott, esq., written on the 29th instant, in answer to a request of a number of our citizens, that he would address the people of Alexandria upon the issues involved in the canvass for State officers, and a Representative in Congress from this District, in which he says he hopes to be able to do so before the election, but cannot now designate the time. Mr. Scott says:

"Professional engagements will constantly occupy my time until after the election, but I will endeavor to find a day after the election, when I can be with you. In the meantime I need not assure you how heartily I sympathize in the effort to rebuke an administration, that has brought our federal affairs to their present deplorable condition, and how earnestly I desire the success of the candidates put before the people of our own State by the late Convention at Richmond."

There is no gentleman to whom the people would listen with more pleasure or profit, than Mr. Scott, and we hope that his professional engagements will not prevent the promised address.

Advices from Hayti to March 5, contain a circular from President Geffard, advising a mild but firm administration of the several departments of the government. Local reforms were in progress at Port au Prince, and commerce was reviving. All was quiet at Jeremie. The officers of the United States corvette Brooklyn, had been presented to President Geffard, who received them favorably. The President had a slight difficulty with the editor of the Revue de Commerce, which was shortly settled amicably. It was thought that there existed a lingering sympathy for Souleouque.

The Turin correspondent of the London Times says that, as a condition of the marriage of Prince Napoleon and the Princess Clotilde, a secret compact had been entered into, by which the Emperor Napoleon promised assistance, offensive as well as defensive, to the King of Sardinia, and guaranteed to him whatever territorial advantages might ultimately be obtained in Lombardy. In return, Savoy and Nice were to be allotted to retain Venice and the fortresses. This statement has been distinctly denied by the Emperor Napoleon.

In an article giving an outline of the Sicilies tragedy, the London Times of the 16th thinks that the form of Mr. Siskies' revenge was according to the fashion of his age and country. One nation uses a stiletto, another an old flint-gun, a fourth a barometer. England employs a barometer, in the United States the revolver comes more familiarly to the hand of an outraged husband. The Times is sure that the "miserable story" of the Sicilies and Key affair will be read with commiseration by all persons in England who had any knowledge of the actors in the tragedy.

We have received from Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., New York, the March number of Blackwood's Magazine. Contents—Chalons, the Camp; Clothes and Scarves—Crows; The Turks in Kalafate; The Castles and Creeds of India; The Luck of Lady Medley; Italy—her Nationality or Dependence; Dantes' Tales from the Norse; Napoleon III. and Europe. Robert Bell, Agent for this city.

The Southern Planter for April, filled with a variety of matter of great interest to farmers and planters, has been received.

We have also, received the March number of the Cosmopolitan Art Journal, published quarterly by the Cosmopolitan Art Association, New York.

There was a very considerable rebound on the London Exchange and the Paris Bourse on the 18th of March, and it was surmised that intelligence favorable to the maintenance of peace had been received. The cause of the improvement had not, however, been publicly transpired, and may have been simply a speculative movement of the stock operators.

The defeat of the personal liberty bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, by a vote of 109 to one 100 is considered a good omen, and viewed as an evidence of returning sanity on the subject of slavery.

We continue to receive the most favorable accounts from all parts of this Congressional district, of the prospects of Mr. Thomas. In nearly every county his nomination has been enthusiastically ratified by the Whigs, and wherever he has spoken he has made a decidedly favorable impression. His friends throughout the district are greatly encouraged by the prospect of success, and are using their endeavors to secure his election.

The heir of the throne of the Sicilies has an unpromising reputation. His age is but twenty-three, however—a season of life when had can be unlearned more easily than later. His name and style are Francis Marie-Leopold, Duke of Calabria; only son of his father's first marriage. His mother, a Princess of Savoy, daughter of the first Victor Emmanuel, died in giving birth to her son.—Her name and race ought not to fail in impressions upon an only child, but men seem to hope little from them.

On the 14th of September last, a formal deed of cession of the Feejeen Archipelago to her Britannic Majesty, was executed by the Vunivalu of Bau, claiming supremacy, as Tui Viti (King of Feejees) upon the entire archipelago and its inhabitants. The American government has claims to the amount of \$45,000, on these islands. These are to be paid by England, according to the terms of the deed of cession.

Advices from Paraguay show that Minister Bowlin is pressing forward on his mission, and has no doubt had an interview with President Lopez. The conduct of Gen. Urquiza, first Constitutional President of the Argentine Confederation, is considered equivocal.

Col. W. W. Seaton one of the editors of the National Intelligencer, with a few of his friends, on Wednesday night last, celebrated his golden wedding, having been married fifty years, for about which time he has been connected with the Intelligencer.

The Baltimore Patriot has passed into the hands of Messrs. John T. Sharretts & Co., who succeed the old proprietors, and promise to continue its publication under such advantages as will increase its usefulness as a newspaper.

In an article in yesterday's Gazette, on the "Responsibilities of the Press," the *tyro* in literature, was made by the types to read *trio* in literature.

Hon. Edward Everett is to deliver his Oration on Franklin, in Baltimore, on Monday night next.

Dr. Alcott, the well known author and physician, died at his residence in Massachusetts, on Tuesday.

Visit to Centerville, Fairfax County.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

During a recent visit to the neighborhood of Centerville, I was struck with the spirit that seems to be manifested, in regard to emigration to the South and West. Many of the old and respected inhabitants of this section of the county have emigrated to Texas, and others speak of going.

CENTREVILLE DIVISION OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—I attended the meeting of this Division, on last Saturday night, and was present at the election of officers. The business, as usual, was conducted in an orderly and systematic manner. Though a few of the veterans in the cause have sought homes in the Sunny South, some of "the tried and true" are yet at the helm. The good old bark has faithful pilots aboard. The Grand Division, I understand, upon the wise recommendation of the lower Divisions, have appointed the Rev. R. T. Brown, J. D. G. W. P. of the District. A better selection could not be made.

Tobacco.—The gentlemen of this neighborhood, Messrs. Machen, Pugh, D. Bell, &c., who have turned their attention to the cultivation of Tobacco, are all satisfied with the yield of the past year. Mr. D. Bell and some others have sold their crops at remunerating prices. Mr. Machen's crop, I am informed, was an excellent one. It is yet unsold. I intended to call and see it, but time did not permit. All engaged in the business during the past year are determined on trying it again.

SUGAR CANE.—Some of the farmers in this region have cultivated the Sugar Cane to a limited extent. They say it is good feeding, and that even in this way it is a paying crop when properly attended to. I saw upon the much improved farm of R. M. Whaley, esq., a very promising crop of Rye where the Cane had been cultivated last season; this led me to enquire of Mr. Whaley if he thought the Cane exhausted the soil as much as a Corn crop, he said he thought not, but that he had not yet experimented sufficiently to form a correct opinion.

WHEAT, RYE AND OATS.—The farmers are mostly all engaged in putting in their Oats at present. Oats and Rye have almost entirely superseded the Wheat crop in this region.

PREACHING.—I listened to an excellent sermon in "The Stone Church," on Sunday morning, preached by the Rev. Thomas J. Batton. The originality of the style and earnestness of the preacher were well calculated to make an impression. Mr. Batton by his Christian zeal and untiring gentleness of deportment, has endeavored himself not only to the various denominations of professing Christians, but to the inhabitants of the community generally.

UNION PRAYER MEETING.—This meeting is held in the Episcopal Church every Sunday evening, and is well attended. The meeting is conducted by members of the different denominations alternately. The utmost harmony prevails, and a deep interest manifested in the meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The Sabbath School commences on next Sabbath morning. It is to be hoped that parents and guardians will aid the worthy Superintendent and efficient Teachers in securing a good attendance. Sabbath Schools and pious mothers have made many a true hero.

Middleburg, March 31.

The Seventh Congressional District.

The Congressional contest in this District is very animated. Messrs. Smith and Shackelford, both Democrats, are opposed by H. W. Thomas, the present Senator from the Fairfax District. Some of the counties desire a Convention, or at least have appointed delegates, while others have declined. Some have endorsed Mr. Smith, while others have not. Mr. Smith claims to be the Democratic candidate by virtue of incumbency, and Mr. Shackelford presents the same claim by virtue of rotation, and as both doctrines are sustained by very high authority, it is hard to say who should give way. At least, with the defeat of both, by Mr. Thomas, as evidenced by a failure to call a Convention of the party, it would not become us to offer any advice in the premises.—Rich. Eng.

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

The semi-official journal of Madrid, announces that Mexico has given full satisfaction to Spain in consenting to re-establish the treaties with that power, by publishing the guilty persons, and indemnifying the natives of Spain according to the award made by the mediating powers.

Letters from Europe by the late arrivals announce the shipment to New York of considerable quantities of wheat. The present price of the article in London is 47s. per quarter, and in the Liverpool market 5s. 5d. per cwt. This wheat can be laid down in the American market, with freight and insurance paid, and sold at \$1.54 per bushel. Its quality is said to equal our best white Southern, which now sells from \$1.70 to \$1.85.

Thursday morning, as the northern mail train approached the bridge over Gunpowder river, between Havre de Grace and Baltimore, that structure was discovered to be on fire, and a considerable gap had been burnt out. Fortunately, there was a large force of employees in the vicinity, and after a detention of two and a half hours, the train passed over safely.

A favorable report has been made in the New York Assembly, in regard to the bid to authorize the opening of streets through Trinity Church graveyard. Thus it is that even the privacy of the grave is disturbed by the avarice of business of earth. Strong remonstrances have been made against a desecration of the remains of Revolutionary heroes, whilst it is urged that there is no reason why Trinity Church should not be compelled to give way to the "progress of the age."

At the Academy of the Visitation, Frederick, Md., on Tuesday, 22d ult., in the Chapel of the Visitation, Sister Clara Agnes Green made her solemn profession. On the same occasion Miss Annie Raphael, of Baltimore county, received the white veil and habit of the order with the religious name of Sister Mary Josephine. Rev. Father Pareese, S. J., officiated on the occasion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Walter.

The Baltimore Sun says, "Judge Price, of the Baltimore County Circuit Court, yesterday rendered his decision in the removed liquor license case, in which he held that the liquor license law of 1858 is constitutional. The defendants, it is understood, will take the case to the Court of Appeals. Judge Price, after rendering his decision, imposed several fines of \$100 and costs each, on parties convicted of selling liquors without license."

The Warrenton Flag says: "We are pleased to see in our exchanges, that our young townsman, Mr. Wm. B. Leary, passed successfully through his examinations before the Faculty of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and that at the late commencement, he graduated with distinction. We wish him a 'useful and prosperous' career. Mr. L. is a son of Mr. John Leary, one of our worthiest citizens."

The Levy Court of Montgomery county, Md., has issued an order to open a new road from Jackson's meeting-house to Blair's new cut road, making a thoroughfare through a splendid district for villa residences around Washington. The country is remarkable for its health and scenic beauty. About six thousand acres of land will thus be rendered accessible.

The school difficulties were again made the subject of discourse in both Protestant and Catholic Churches, in Boston, on Sunday. Rev. Father Haskin urged the children to conform to the rules of the schools, and advised those who had left to return, while Father Wigot counselled them to remain true to their faith, and to resist the enforcement of the rules.

The New York Central Railroad, it is said, will carry passengers from New York to Buffalo in thirteen hours; and to Cleveland, Ohio, in 21 hours. The fare between Buffalo and New York has been reduced to \$7 on both New York roads. Live stock freight from Buffalo to New York has been reduced to its true price.

This is the age of Conventions. We have notice of a National Sanitary and Quarantine Convention to be held in New York, on the 27th of April. The object is to elicit facts and suggestions upon the causes of mortality in large cities; the nature and treatment of diseases on shipboard; the best method of ventilating vessels, and every thing bearing on the quarantine system.

A young lady, named Miss Hutchins, 20 years of age, committed suicide in Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday last, by shooting herself with a pistol, causing almost instant death. The only reason assigned for the act, is disappointed love. The young lady was engaged to be married, when she learned that the object of her attachment had proved faithless, and married another.

In St. Louis, last week, a free negro, named Wash Clark, who was a great ball-room exquiste among the colored fair sex, but who had been deserted by his particular flame, or one of them at least, a slave girl named Mary Medlar, went to her house, and falling in love with the man she had taken up with, got into a quarrel with her, and shot her in the face, from the effects of which wound she died the next morning.

A few days since, a fugitive slave, belonging to James Kilgus, of Edinburg county, Va., was arrested in Ross county, Ohio, after he had fled two years ago. A mob of two hundred persons soon gathered, but the captors succeeded in taking the fugitive to Cincinnati, where he was placed in jail.

It is said that a majority of the jury who convicted Henry Gambrill, in Baltimore, have signed a petition to the Governor for executive clemency in his behalf, based entirely upon the discovery of new and important evidence brought to light since the trial.

The yield of maple sugar in Michigan, has been extraordinary this season, that farmers are selling it from six to eight cents per pound. More sugar has been made in the western counties of Pennsylvania this season than for many years past.

It is stated that Piccolomini, the "charming princess," has not met with much favor in some of the Southern cities. At Nashville, her engagement was abruptly called off because the houses did not pay.

The prospect for a peach crop in New Jersey, the coming season is very promising. The cold of two or three days in January, killed a portion of the bloom, but a greater part is in a healthy condition.

A recent fire on the Hudson River has caused considerable damage along its banks. The water in the vicinity of Kinderhook was higher than it has been known before for fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, the theatrical people who had a divorce trial in California, have been reconciled to each other, and were to open the American Theatre together there in a week or two.

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